



# California Department of Veterans Affairs

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## NEWS FOR VETERANS

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### REQUEST FOR YOUR VETERANS DAY 2004 EVENTS

Please notify the California Department of Veterans Affairs of your organization's Veterans Day 2004 events for inclusion in a Veterans Day 2004 Event Calendar. The Veterans Day 2004 Event calendar will be posted on our website and emailed to all "News for Veterans" subscribers. Email the What, When, Where, Who, and Why information for your event to [newsforveterans@cdva.ca.gov](mailto:newsforveterans@cdva.ca.gov). Also, please include a contact person, telephone number, and email address for each event you submit. Thank You.

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### CDVA EMPLOYEES WORKING WITH BIG HEARTS FOR VETERANS

*The California Department of Veterans Affairs is extremely fortunate to have a dedicated staff that offers services and assistance to California's veterans. Following is a letter from a veteran whose life has improved thanks to the diligence and hard work of our staff (reprinted with his permission):*

August 20, 2004

To Mr. Thomas Johnson:

The purpose of this letter is to express my deep gratitude and sincere appreciation for Mr. Bill McClure. For the past three years Mr. McClure has been providing me assistance with my service-connected injuries.

In 1990 I was discharged honorably from the Marine Corps with bilateral stress fractures. Approximately five years later I began to experience pain in my lower back. After extensive tests by my personal physician, she came to the conclusion that the back pain and lumbar-sacral strain is directly related to my service connected bilateral stress fractures. A few years later my back condition got a lot worse and I filed a claim with the Veterans Administration.

Since filing the claim approximately three years ago, it has been an up hill battle to say the least. During this time, I sought the assistance of Mr. McClure. Mr. McClure has provided me with direction, encouragement, and hope over the past three years. Not only has he not grown weary assisting me in fighting this up hill battle, he continually goes above and beyond his duty in assisting me with this case.

Lastly, although I have not yet received the compensation that I feel I deserve, I am still grateful that the Veterans Administration has recognized my injury as being service connected, thanks to the hard, thorough, persistent work of Mr. McClure. I truly hope that Mr. McClure will not only be recognized for his

professionalism, diligence, and hard work, but also for being an employee of the California Department of Veteran Affairs that truly **cares** about the clients he represents. You should be honored to have such a compassionate man working for you and your organization.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**Rodney McAuliffe**

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